

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

RAREENDRAN NARAYANAN,

Plaintiff,

-against-

MERRICK B. GARLAND, ATTORNEY
GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, et
al.,

Defendants.

22-cv-0855 (JGK)

ORDER

JOHN G. KOELTL, United States District Judge:

The plaintiff, who is proceeding pro se, paid the filing fees to commence this action. Accordingly, he is not entitled to rely on the U.S. Marshals Service to effect service on the defendants under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(c)(3).

In his letter dated April 4, 2022, the plaintiff indicates that he brought this action against the “first three defendants” — that is, Merrick B. Garland, Letitia James, Kilolo Kijakazi — and the New York City Corporation Counsel in their official capacities. See ECF No. 18.

The plaintiff is advised that Merrick B. Garland and Kilolo Kijakazi, to the extent they are being sued in their official capacities, must be served in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(i)(2). That Rule provides that, “[t]o serve a . . . United States officer or employee sued only in an official capacity, a party must serve the United States and also send a


copy of the summons and of the complaint by registered or certified mail to the agency, corporation, officer, or employee." Letitia James may be served at the Office of the Attorney General in either Albany or New York City. The New York City Corporation Counsel may be served at the Corporation Counsel's office.

The plaintiff is also advised that he must serve each of the defendants with a copy of the summons and the complaint. The plaintiff is also advised that he may seek legal advice and assistance, including advice and assistance relating to service of process, from the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG). An informational flyer regarding NYLAG is attached to this Order. The plaintiff may also contact the Pro Se Intake Unit at (212) 805-0175 should he have questions about service of process.

The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this Order to the plaintiff, together with an information package.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 8, 2022
New York, New York



JOHN G. KOELTL
United States District Judge



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